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13 MEMBERS OF 5TH
ASSEMBLY WILL SIT
IN NEXT SESSION

PHOENIX, Dec. 18.—There will be 58 democrats and seven republicans in the sixth Arizona legislature when it convenes early in January, according to the official roster of the membership of that body made public today by Ernest R. Hall, secretary of state. The upper house will be composed of 18 democrats and one republican and the lower house will number 40 democrats and six republicans.

The roster was compiled by Mr. Hall from the official reports of the canvass of the vote in the last election made by the boards of supervisors in each county and sent to the secretary of state's official by the clerks of the boards.

Only 13 members of the fifth legislature will be members of the sixth. Five of these are in the senate and are:

Dr. W. P. Sims of Cochise county, W. D. Claypool of Gila county, H. A. Elliott of Greenlee county, and Charles E. MacMillan of Pinal county, all of whom were in the senate of the fifth legislature, and J. C. Phillips of Maricopa county, who was a representative from Maricopa county in the fifth legislature.

Eight of the representatives to the fifth legislature will return and are: Howard Barkell of Cochise county, Nellie T. Bush of Yuma, Arthur Curlee of Cochise, D. J. Jones of Maricopa, James F. McGrath of Greenlee, I. D. Rickerson of Pinal, H. Udall of Apache and J. B. Wylie of Cochise.

The house of the fifth legislature was composed of 39 representatives, while the house of the sixth legislature will number 46 representatives, due to the addition of five representatives to the legislature from Maricopa county, whose delegation in the lower house will now number 14 members, one to the Gila county delegation giving them a total of four, and one to the Pima county delegation giving that county four representatives.

The number of the senators in the legislature is unchanged from that of the fifth legislature.

WORK NOW IS BEING
RUSHED ON MAGMA
PLANT AT SUPERIOR

SUPERIOR, Dec. 15.—Work of excavating for the Magma Copper company's new smelter is being rushed, and it is expected the new modern brick plant under the direction of J. C. Davey will be installed and ready for operation before the first of the year. Brick for the smelter and for all of the other Magma buildings of the future will be made at this plant.

Structural steel to be used in the construction of the smelter is expected to arrive shortly after the first of the year or as soon as the Magma Arizona railroad line has been completed and it is believed that the new reduction plant will be completed early in 1923.

The capacity of the mill has been doubled and some changes have been made in connection with the reducing of ores. When finished the plant will have a capacity of 600 tons daily.

Approximately two-thirds of the ores from the Magma mine will go to the mill for treatment while one-third will go to the smelter direct.

General Manager Browning is quoted as saying that when mine, mill and smelter are all in operation nearly 700 people will be employed.

CLOSED SEASON ON
QUAIL DRAWS NEAR

There are just a few more days in which the nimrods can participate in quail hunting. For, on December 31, the state game laws bring a closed season on the little top-knots. It has been a good season, however, in this county, and the quail have been even more plentiful than they were last year. The favorite spots sportsmen have been successful bagging the limit on the fleet footed this season, has been south of York, and the Black Hills.

The season on doves is now closed and will not open again until September 15, next year. Rabbits are always found numerous in the brush fields and there is an all-year round open season on them.

Ducks are being seen occasionally along the Gila river, but they are scarce.

The main reason for the ducks getting to the valley so late this season is because the lakes in northern Arizona did not freeze over as soon as in former years. Reports from the north have shown that they have had the best duck shooting in that section for many years, and the warm climate was responsible for this.

The season on water fowl will not close until January 31.

Holbrook—Oakland capitalist securing acreage in local oil field.

PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS

Sheriff-elect, W. T. Witt, spent several days of this week in Clifton on business.

Mrs. S. Ives and grand-daughter Margaret and grand-son Howard left on last Saturday morning for San Antonio, Texas, where they will make their future home.

Dewitt and Cliff Cosper of the Blue spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Clifton on business.

Robert O. Barnes, and wife and child of the Blue, arrived in Clifton this week to spend the holidays.

Frank Johnson, of Mule Creek, was a Clifton visitor for several days of this week. Mr. Johnson has not been in Clifton for over five years. He was formerly connected with the firm of Jordan and Winders.

Judge of the Superior Court Frank B. Laine returned from Holbrook on Wednesday evening where he had been called to preside over the Superior Court of Apache County.

H. Earl Rogge and W. B. Kelly on last Saturday made a trip to Douglas, overland, returning on Monday morning.

J. J. Fillman, R. R. Miller and T. P. Wilson of the Eagle country spent the greater part of this week in town on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Quinn, of Benson, are expected to arrive this evening to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shortridge and Mr. Hugh Quinn and family.

Several Greenlee County students of the University will be with us tomorrow and remain during the holidays.

Miss Gabriella Quinn, who is attending school at Tempe Normal, is visiting her father and brother until after the first. Miss Quinn will complete her studies at Tempe next June, and the Era takes this opportunity to congratulate her on the excellent grades she has been making.

Mr. H. K. Minson is expected home tomorrow to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deck announce that Miss Peggy Buland will be their guest next week.

Mr. A. Kerr, of St. Louis, is visiting his son Mr. A. J. Kerr, and family.

MORENCI DEFEATS
CLIFTON BASKETBALLERS

The Morenci first team defeated the local basketball team on last Saturday night to the tune of 40 to 20. The game was snappy and well played throughout but the local boys were outclassed. It was a walk-away for Morenci. The Clifton Second team romped home with the bacon in their game, defeating Morenci 19 to 24.

Grist Gathered at
the Court House

On last Monday W. R. Chambers, Judge of the Superior Court of Graham County presided over our Superior court in several cases in which Judge Laine is disqualified. The demurrer in the case of Eugene Schwab, vs. J. O. Brown, et al., was argued by counsel for the parties and submitted. A jury demand was made on the part of the defendants by attorney Lynch.

The defaults in the cases of First National Bank, vs. Ed. Elrage and First National Bank, vs. Mangus Elrage were set aside by the court and the motions to make more definite and certain pending in the cases were denied by the court and the defendants allowed five days in which to file their answer.

The demurrer in the case of Bonnie Elrage, vs. The First National Bank of Clifton was argued to the court and sustained and the plaintiff given ten days in which to file an amended complaint.

An answer on the part of Constance F. A. Stewart in the case of Miner E. Roscoe, vs. F. A. Stewart was filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court this week. In the contest case of Farnsworth, vs. Arnet of Metcalf, attorney Ling has filed a demurrer which will be taken up soon. A petition to inspect the ballots in the Roscoe-Stewart case has also been filed with the Clerk.

Willcox—Installation of electrical equipment at Central Copper plant completed.

Yuma—\$515,274 contract awarded for county highway work.

AUTO LICENSES FOR
1923 HAVE REACHED
COUNTY OFFICES

New auto license plates for next year have made their appearance in this section. A car bearing one of the new plates from Graham county was in the district yesterday.

The color scheme of the new license plate is blue and white. The background of the plate is white and the letters and figures are in blue. Two coats of each kind of enamel were used and the plate was then baked. The enamel is guaranteed. The body of the plate is pressed from No. 26 U. S. standard gauge steel. Each plate, whether a dealer's plate or a regular automobile plate, is standard size, 14 inches long by five inches wide. This year's were regulated in length according to the length of the numbers.

County Numbers
As was the vogue last year, the counties are given numbers and the number appears first on the plate with a dash separating it from the registration number of the car. The numbers are regulated in accordance with the number of cars registered. Maricopa county is No. 1; Cochise, No. 2; Pima, No. 3; Gila, No. 4; Yavapai, No. 5; Yuma, No. 6; Pinal, No. 7; Graham, No. 8; Santa Cruz, No. 9; Mohave, No. 10; Coconino, No. 11; Navajo, No. 12; Greenlee, No. 13, and Apache, No. 14.

Numbers to 13-500
Greenlee County numbers will run from 100 to 600 for the individual owners and from 1 to 10 for dealers, while the motorcycles will run from 1 to 15.

The license for 1923 is the same as this year, \$5 for all cars up to 25 horsepower; \$10 for cars from 25 h. p. to 40 h. p., and \$15 for all cars over 40 h. p.

GARNETT KING GOES
TO SAN FRANCISCO

Garnett King, general passenger agent of the El Paso & Southwestern railway system, left for San Francisco as assistant traffic manager in charge of the Pacific coast division.

This announcement is made by T. M. Schumacher, president of the railroad, in connection with a number of other transfers and promotions to be made among officers here.

These become effective January 1. Eugene Fox, general traffic manager, has been named vice president of the railroad. Mr. Fox's advancement was decided upon at a meeting of the board of directors.

Appointments made by him include the following:

W. C. Barnes, freight traffic manager, promoted to traffic manager, W. S. Dawson, assistant general freight agent to general agent; John D. Watson, chief clerk under Mr. King, succeeds him as general passenger agent; J. H. Pruett, chief rate clerk in the general passenger department to chief clerk, succeeding Mr. Munson.

Hartwell D. McGregor, division passenger agent at El Paso will become assistant general passenger agent.

BIG STRIKE OF ORE IS
MADE IN JEROME MINE

JEROME, Dec. 18.—Discovery of a sulphide ore body on the 800-foot level of the Verde Central—a body which is certainly large and may be of vast proportions—has sent the stock skyrocketing and given Jerome a taste of the thrills that followed the United Verde Extension strike. It is now confidently predicted that the district stands on the threshold of an era of mining development sure to surpass that of 1916-17.

In every respect the geology in the 810 drift at the Verde Central duplicates a condition that has been disclosed scores of times at the United Verde, and has always led to the large ore bodies that make that mine the marvel of the world. Old-timers who have spent their lives in the mines of the Verde district take one look at that face and, without exception, agree.

"It's the 'big hole' all over again."

NAVAJO CHIEFS ARE
TO HOLD COUNCIL

HOLBROOK, Dec. 15.—The Navajo Indian council, consisting of 150 chiefs of the 35,000 Navajo Indians, will be held at Shiprock Agency, on December 24. At this council, oil leases in the Navajo nation, north of Holbrook, will be considered. It will probably be the most important and spectacular council ever held by the tribe and representatives of a large number of the biggest oil companies in the west attend, together with mayors of several cities and representatives of capital, which is contemplating entering the oil field.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS
PARTY GIVEN BY
WOMAN'S CLUB

On Friday evening last the Clifton Woman's Club gave a Xmas party and house-warming at their new Club House in Hill's Addition. The club house was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Season. President Penfield delivered a short address of welcome, after which the guests gathered around the tables and spent a couple of hours playing bridge. The Club was filled to capacity and an especially enjoyable time was had by all present. Mrs. A. L. Terry carried away a lovely vase as first prize, while Miss Lindsey seemed quite happy upon receiving second lady's prize. Mr. E. R. Shortridge received a copy of "Babbalanja" being first gentleman's prize, and Mr. Bert Winslow was encouraged to try again, such encouragement being in the form of a pack of playing cards. After distribution of the prizes, most delicious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad, hot Parker House rolls, olives, cake and coffee, were served. Following this Dr. Burch very ably impersonated Santa Claus and distributed gifts from the Christmas tree to each guest. Great credit is due Mrs. E. R. Shortridge as Chairman of the evening, the Refreshment Committee, composed of Mrs. H. E. Brubaker, Mrs. M. C. Kendrick, Mrs. E. L. Carr, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, and Mrs. Taylor, as well as to the members of the various other committees, which comprised almost the entire membership of the Club. Those present included:

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Adams, W. H. Bell, L. A. W. Burch, H. E. Brubaker, E. L. Carr, J. F. Deck, G. W. Harriman, A. J. Kerr, Ed. Morrill, H. K. Martin, W. E. Munroe, Geo. S. Martin, C. B. Nonemaker, T. J. Penfield, E. R. Shortridge, L. T. Scott, A. L. Terry, H. C. Vinton, Bert Winslow, Mesdames R. S. Black, Warner, O. J. Cotey, R. K. Minson, Taylor, Jessie Lloyd Johnson, M. C. Kendrick, Clara Kimbley, W. C. Marshall, Lula Yorke Terrell, Nan Reisinger, John Webster, Mary Mitchell, Messrs. E. C. Fitzgerald, Tom Quinn, Geo. H. Gamble, Dr. Rhone, Misses Katie Mills, Lindsey, and Margaret Smith.

This occasion will be a long remembered one by all in attendance. It marked a milestone in the struggle of the Clifton Woman's Club for a permanent home in which to conduct their activities, and the Era joins the guests in wishing the Club and all of its members every success in its work in the future.

BONDED DEBT IS
NOW DISCLOSED

PHOENIX, Dec. 16.—For the first time in its history, Arizona learned today the extent of its bonded debt, through the completion of a statement compiled by the Arizona tax commission in compliance with an order from the 1922 special session of the legislature. The total bonded debt of the state and all of its political subdivisions is \$42,662,110 the statement shows.

The order from the legislature came as a result of great confusion when the now famous financial code, which repealed every continuing fund in the laws back to territorial days, Senator H. A. Elliott of Greenlee county father of the financial code finally put a motion for the tax commission to get a total of the bonded debt from each county.

The data was gathered with great difficulty, according to a statement by the commission. Under the laws of Arizona the direct state debt is limited in amount and the greater part of the indebtedness has been contracted by the different counties.

On Sunday evening the Presbyterian Church will have their annual entertainment and Christmas tree for the Sunday School children.

BE CAREFUL WITH
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

In arranging for your Christmas, either in churches, or other public places and in the home care should be taken to eliminate every possible element from which fire might be started. In the past many Christmas festivities have been turned into mourning because of neglect or carelessness in the arrangements. There is nothing quite so horrible as a panic caused by a burning Christmas tree which often spreads the fire to the clothing of those in attendance. Have a care in preparing for your Christmas festivities.

Local
HappeningsCHILD'S DRESS IGNITED
FROM COALS IN FIRE PLACE

Katherine, the little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Balke of Hill's Addition is in a critical condition as the result of severe burns on the body and arms received on last Monday evening, when the dress of the little one ignited from coals in a fire place. The child was playing in the living room while the family were dining, the door being closed between the rooms, which it succeeded in opening and, clothes ablaze, entered the dining room. Practically every stitch of clothing was burned from her body before the parents were able to smother the flames. The child received prompt played throughout but the local boys Doctor Burch and at the present writing it is reported to be doing nicely.

COPPER NEWS CHEERS,
PREDICT FURTHER ADVANCE

Much enthusiasm has prevailed around Clifton the last few days because of the strength of the copper market. All stocks are higher and the price of copper is listed at 14¢. Reports from the east say that copper authorities are predicting that the red metal will be selling at sixteen cents per pound within sixty or ninety days.

Should this copper price prevail in the near future, there will be a clearing away of pessimism in the Clifton and Morenci district and increased activity in business will chase away the last vestige of gloom in this community.

COUNTY ASSESSOR ATTENDS
PHOENIX CONFERENCE

W. J. Collins, County Assessor, has been in Phoenix the past week in attendance at the annual conference of the county assessors called by the state tax commission for last Tuesday and Wednesday.

This conference is called about this time every December for the purpose of equalizing the assessment on stock and other taxable property. Uniform assessments on cattle, horses and other livestock for every county in the state are fixed at this time. Other taxation subjects were also brought up, as well as methods for the efficient distribution of auto license plates.

SCHOOL TEACHERS
ON VACATION

Miss Margaret Newhouse, Miss Cathryn Stewart and Miss McPike will leave on Saturday morning for Los Angeles where they will spend the holidays. Messrs. Bartruff and Spindt will spend a few days in El Paso.

WILL ATTEND
STATE CONFERENCE

Supt. W. D. Baker and T. J. Penfield will leave on Saturday morning for Globe to attend the state conference of High School Principals and School Superintendents.

ELKS TO GIVE BALL
AT THE AUDITORIUM

The local lodge of Elks will give their Fourteenth Annual Ball at the Auditorium on Saturday evening, December 30th. Invitations are now being issued and from all indications this will be a gala event. Special music has been engaged for the occasion.

DEPOT TO HAVE
HEATING PLANT

The E. P. & S. W. have had a crew working all week excavating at a depot preparatory to putting in a heating plant. This is an improvement that has long been needed and will add greatly to the comfort of those having business at this terminal.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO
ENJOY VACATION

The schools of Clifton will close on Friday evening and remain closed until Tuesday morning, January 2. This will give the school children and teachers a vacation of ten days during the holiday season.

FROM CALIFORNIA

Dr. Edward R. Cox, went to Hachita on Wednesday morning where he met Mrs. Cox and two children who were coming from California. They arrived in Clifton on Thursday afternoon and will make their home in the residence formerly occupied by Doctor Thompson.

POST OFFICE BUSIEST
PLACE IN TOWN

The Clifton Post Office is a busy place this week. Although the volume of business handled by the local office has not been as large as last year, the crew has been busy early and late and are to be complimented on the efficiency and dispatch in handling the holiday rush.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Carmen Coronado returned to Clifton last Monday afternoon to spend the holidays. She will return to her duties as saleslady, and demonstrator with the Lyden Baking Powder company shortly after the first of the year.

PRODUCERS SAY
MINE INDUSTRY NOW
"AROUND CORNER"

PHOENIX, Dec. 17.—The mining industry of Arizona is "around the corner" and is looking forward to an era of normalcy. That is the consensus of opinion among mining men of the state, representatives of the largest producers, gathered here for the annual meeting of the Arizona chapter, American Mining congress.

"The new year looks bright indeed if we are to base our opinion upon conditions in November," P. G. Beckett, general manager of the Phelps-Dodge company in Arizona, said last night. "The supply of copper, like everything else, is regulated by the demand. The November demand was unusually heavy, as compared with the months immediately preceding. So we have reason to believe that the demand will continue brisk."

"Development of a domestic market for copper has been one of the most encouraging signs the industry has witnessed in months," F. W. MacLennan, general manager of the Miami Copper company of Miami, added.

"Surplus stocks have been reduced to normal—another encouraging sign—and we are looking forward to a normal run at the mines."

Normalcy in the Arizona mines does not mean production at the sub-normal rate of war days, the mining men were quick to emphasize. It means production at just a normal output, in the days before the war.

Many of the mines, however, have been developed to an extent of greater efficiency during the past few years. Shafts and ledges have been extended and new veins opened—all of which will figure in present-day normalcy. In other words, a normal run at many of the mines today would mean a production of, perhaps, 10 to 50 per cent more than production at these same mines before the war.

"There is very little demand for copper on the foreign market," Mr. Beckett continued. "For that reason, the copper producers have been obliged to regulate their production according to the domestic market. This market has developed tremendously during the past few months."

"A majority of the bigger producers of the state now are operating at from 60 to 75 per cent of their 1915 production," Mr. MacLennan declared. He stressed the fact that November sales were the heaviest in months.

Summarized, the situation at present is good; the outlook is encouraging, the mining men declared. The opinion also was expressed by some that better prices for copper will be one of the natural sequences of the increased demand for the produced.

LARGE AUTO STAGE
GOES INTO DITCH

TUCSON, Dec. 18.—For the second time within three weeks, passengers on the bus line which operates between El Paso and Los Angeles, experienced a narrow escape from serious injury early Friday afternoon, when one of the buses, carrying 12 people in addition to the driver, plunged from the highway about 15 miles north of Tucson on the Florence road, overturned and fell upon its side in the ditch alongside the road.

Two men suffered injuries in the accident, but neither was seriously injured, and only slight medical attention was needed. One man, who gave his name simply as "Jesus," a Mexican laborer, on his way to El Paso, suffered several deep cuts about the face and a number of painful bruises about the body, but was able to continue his journey by rail after being treated by Dr. J. I. Butler. The other injured man suffered only painful bruises and minor abrasions, while the other 10 passengers were unhurt by the upset.

PRISONERS DIG OUT
OF GILA BEND JAIL

GILA BEND, Dec. 14.—Two prisoners made their escape from the Gila Bend jail Tuesday by digging their way to liberty through the adobe wall. They were being held on charges of committing burglary at Bosque, Ariz.—Constable Frank Wedner took two more prisoners to Phoenix Wednesday for safekeeping. They were also being held on burglary charges.

KEEN CUSTODIAN

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Governor-elect George W. P. Hunt today announced the selection of Arthur James Keen for appointment as custodian of the state capital building and grounds.

Mr. Keen was custodian under the territorial government beginning in 1908 and also under all former Hunt administrations. He has had special training as a landscape architect.

The Copper Era Sends to All Its Patrons and Subscribers Hearty Wishes for a Merry Christmas